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1. SOME GOOD NEWS FOR A CHANGE. WE NOW CAN OFFER MALDIVES PACKAGE OF 20 TRANSCEIVERS FOR INTER-ISLAND COMMUNICATION; THIS MEETS MALDIVIAN REQUEST PLUS ONE BACK-UP SET. SETS ARE SIMPLE ENOUGH THAT DOD BELIEVES NO TRAINING PROGRAM REQUIRED. DETAILS ARE INCLUDED IN PARAS 3-10 BELOW. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED CONVEY THESE SPECIFICATIONS TO GOVERNMENT OF MALDIVES INDICATING OUR INTENTION SHIP RADIOS BY MARCH 1974, IF POSSIBLE. WE UNDERSTAND FROM TECHNICIANS THAT SETS ARE VERY GOOD AND EASY TO MAINTAIN.

2. ONE TECHNICAL DETAIL WILL HAVE TO BE CLARIFIED WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS. RADIO SETS WILL BE BUILT WITH PRE-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DETERMINED TWO-CHANNEL FREQUENCY. DOD HAS SUGGESTED

FREQUENCIES 8010RPT 8010 MHZ AND 8050 RPT 8050 MHZ.
PLEASE CONFIRM WITH MALDIVIAN GOVERNMENT THAT THESE ARE
APPROPRIATE AND WILL NOT CONFLICT WITH OTHER FREQUENCIES
IN USE THERE.

3. WE PROPOSE TO PROVIDE 20 EACH 8MCS SOLID STATE, 25
WATT SSB, VOICE RADIO EQUIPMENTS. EACH EQUIPMENT WILL BE
POWERED FROM A WIND CHARGER WITH A STORAGE BATTERY.

4. ALL NECESSARY ANTENNAE, WIRE, INSULATORS, COAXIAL
AND POWER CABLES WILL BE SUPPLIED. A FEW SIMPLE HAND
TOOLS WILL BE INCLUDED FOR EACH SITE. EQUIPMENT WILL BE
PACKED AS 20 SEPARATE STATIONS SUCH THAT THE GOM NEED ONLY
DIVIDE THE SHIPMENT ACCORDING TO THE FINAL DESTINATION.
PRESUMABLY, SEVERAL CRATES WILL BE REQUIRED FOR DELIVERY
TO MALE.

5. THE LACK OF ANY ELECTRIC POWER SOURCE ON 17 OF THE
19 STOLLS HAS COMPELLED US TO REDESIGN THE SYSTEM
ORIGINALLY PROPOSED.

6. WE WILL SUPPLY PRIMARY POWER FROM A WIND CHARGER
WHICH CAN BE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE MORE THAN SUFFICIENT
POWER FOR 24 HOURS PER DAY OPERATION.

7. BASED ON THE DEMONSTRATED COMPETENCE OF THE GOM/MALE
TELECOMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT, WE BELIEVE THERE IS NO
URGENT NEED FOR A TRAINING PROGRAM. THE WIND CHARGER
EQUIPMENT IS THE SAME TYPE AS THAT PREVIOUSLY SUPPLIED
THE GOM AND WE CONSIDER THE REPAIR OF THE SSB EQUIPMENT
BEYOND THE CAPABILITY OF FIELD PERSONNEL. IN THE EVENT
OF FAILURE, A MORE REALISTIC REPAIR PRACTICE WOULD BE FOR
THE GOM TO MAIL THE SSB EQUIPMENT (IT IS VERY SMALL) TO
THE FACTORY.

8. WE RECOGNIZE THE DISTANCES ARE GREAT AND THE
RELIABILITY OF SOLID STATE EQUIPMENT OF THIS NATURE IS
EXCELLENT; HOWEVER, WE ARE PROVIDING ONE COMPLETE SPARE
STATION WHICH SHOULD PERMIT THE GOM TO EXCHANGE A
SUSPECTED FAULTY UNIT WITH AN OPERATING UNIT.
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9. INSTALLATION INSTRUCTION WILL BE INCLUDED IN EACH
PACKAGE SUCH THAT PERSONNEL TOTALLY UNACQUAINTED WITH
RADIO THEORY SHOULD BE ABLE TO ACTIVATE THE EQUIPMENT.

10. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE STATION PACKAGES CAN BE
ASSEMBLED FOR SHIPMENT BY MARCH 1974. KISSINGER

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